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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who uses a competitive internet service provider, Sonic, for residential internet. Previously, I had no access to a competitive provider; there was only one broadband provider: Comcast. With no competition, prices increased year after year, and customer service had no incentive to be honest often offering deals over the phone that did not match the pricing and service actually delivered.

Since Sonic became available in my area, we are able to get gigabit fiber internet for a lower price than we were paying Comcast for much slower internet.

Competition is critical in the broadband internet sector. It has saved my family money and enabled us to get better service, which is critical as my wife and I both work from home.

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